

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 8 is amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) An attachment pin arrangement for attaching an exhaust-gas muffler to an apparatus part of a portable handheld work apparatus driven by an internal combustion engine, the exhaust-gas muffler being provided for directing away the exhaust gases of the engine and to attenuate noise, the attachment pin arrangement comprising:

an attachment pin extending between said apparatus part and said exhaust-gas muffler;

the attachment pin having a threaded section and being threadably engaged with said apparatus part; and,

said attachment pin including at least a partially exposed region, said region being disposed between said apparatus part and said exhaust-gas muffler and said region defining a cooling surface for conducting away at least a part of the heat which is introduced from the exhaust-gas muffler into the attachment pin via radiation and/or convection.

2. (Previously Presented) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 1, wherein said attachment pin has a collar extending

peripherally about said attachment pin and said collar defines a cooling surface.

3. (Previously Presented) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 2, said collar having a slot extending peripherally about said attachment pin and said slot forming at least part of said cooling surface.

4. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 2, wherein said collar is a first collar and said attachment pin arrangement further comprises a second collar adjacent said first collar.

5. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 4, wherein said attachment pin and said first and second collars are conjointly configured as a single integral piece.

6. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 2, wherein said attachment pin has at least one threaded section for threadably engaging one of said apparatus part and said muffler; and, said collar is configured to have a shape of a hexagon.

7. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 2, wherein said muffler has a holding flange and said attachment pin engages said muffler at said holding flange; and, said attachment pin arrangement further comprises a heat insulating spacer
5 disposed between said holding flange and said collar.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The attachment pin arrangement of~~
~~claim 1, wherein~~ An attachment pin arrangement for attaching an
exhaust-gas muffler to an apparatus part of a portable handheld
work apparatus driven by an internal combustion engine, the
5 exhaust-gas muffler being provided for directing away the exhaust
gases of the engine and to attenuate noise, the attachment pin
arrangement comprising:

an attachment pin extending between said apparatus part and
said exhaust-gas muffler;

10 the attachment pin having a threaded section and being
threadably engaged with said apparatus part;

said attachment pin including at least a partially exposed
region, said region being disposed between said apparatus part
and said exhaust-gas muffler and said region defining a cooling
15 surface for conducting away at least a part of the heat which is
introduced from the exhaust-gas muffler into the attachment pin
via radiation and/or convection;

said muffler [[has]] having a holding flange and said
attachment pin engages engaging said muffler at said holding
20 flange; and,

said attachment pin arrangement further comprises: including
a holding nut threadably engaging said attachment pin and a heat
insulating spacer mounted between said holding flange and said
holding nut.

9. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 8,
wherein said spacer is configured as a support washer.

10. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 9, wherein said support washer is made of titanium.

11. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 9, wherein said support washer is made of a heat resistant duroplast.

12. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 7, wherein said spacer has a centering collar for said holding flange.

13. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 1, wherein said attachment pin is made of steel.